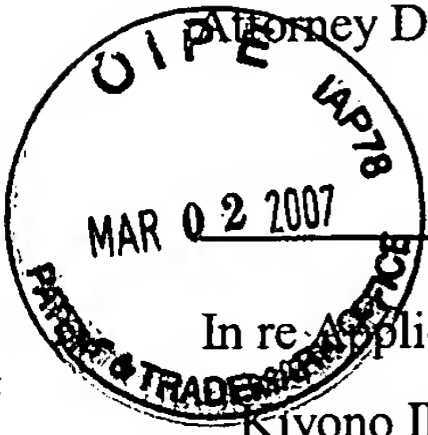


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Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of September 26, 2006. A check in the amount of \$850 for payment of the government fee for a two-month extension of time so that the period for response is extended to February 26, 2007, and payment for the addition of four new claims in excess of twenty and 1 independent claim in excess of three is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 30 of this paper.